

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of opposition to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will lower the service choices available and increase my costs. Currently satellite is my only choice for TV reception due to my remote location.

By merging, the combined company will have no competition in the Satellite market and can offer less programming choices with no chance of losing those rural customers.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your opposition to this merger.

Sincerely,

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